GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

G.A. (I&PR) Department- Media Relations – Comprehensive Reorganisation and Consolidation of Media Accreditation Frame work - "Andhra Pradesh State Media Accreditation Rules, 2025" –Orders- Issued.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (I&PR) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No.84 Dated: 19-08-2025

Read the following:

1. G.O.Ms.No.142, G.A(I&PR) Department, Dated:20.11.2019.
2. G.O.Ms.No.38. G.A(I&PR) Department, Dated:30.03.2023.
3. From the Director, I&PR Lr. No.005222/MR/2024, Dated:24.12.2024, 13.02.2025, 04.03.2025 & 02.04.2025.
4. G.O.Rt.No.929, G.A.(Cabinet.I) Department, Dated 15.05.2025.
5. Govt.Memo.No.GAD01-IPR0PR/10/2025-IPR, Dated:16.05.2025.
6. Recommendations of the Group of Ministers Committee, Dated:19.05.2025 & 22.07.2025.

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ORDER:

In the G.O. 2nd read above, in supersession of the existing A.P. Media Accreditation Rules, 2019 issued in G.O. 1st read above, Government have issued A.P. Media Accreditation Rules, 2023 to grant accreditation to the media representatives at State Head Quarters and in the Districts of Andhra Pradesh.

2. In the reference 3rd read above, the Director, Information & Public Relations, A.P., Vijayawada, has stated that, five (05) member Departmental Committee have constituted to study Journalists representations, to make suitable suggestions for comprehensive revision of existing Media Accreditation Rules. Accordingly, the Committee has examined the prevailing conditions regarding issue of accreditations and submitted its report.

3. A consultative meeting was convened on 29th November 2024, at the Conference Hall, Building-5, A.P. Secretariat, Amaravathi, Chaired by the Hon'ble Minister for I&PR & Housing, and attended by stakeholders, including Journalist Unions, Media representatives, and Departmental Officials. Detailed discussions on the proposed guidelines were held to incorporate their inputs.

4. Based on the recommendations of the five (05) member Departmental Committee and suggestions received from the stakeholders, the Director of Information & Public Relations, A.P., has submitted the comprehensive proposal for issue of "Andhra Pradesh State Media Accreditation Rules, 2025".

5. Further, in the G.O. 4th read above, Government have constituted the Group of Ministers Committee to study the proposed formulation of new comprehensive "Andhra Pradesh State Media Accreditation Rules, 2025". In the reference 5th read above, Government have also constituted Officers Committee to assist the Group of Ministers Committee. The Group of Ministers Committee along with Officers Committee have reviewed various aspects carefully and made certain recommendations to the proposed "Andhra Pradesh State Media Accreditation Rules, 2025".

6. Government, after careful examination of the proposal submitted by the Director of Information & Public Relations, A.P., and based on the recommendations of the Group of Ministers Committee and the Officers Committee, hereby issues the "Andhra Pradesh State Media Accreditation Rules, 2025", in supersession of the Andhra Pradesh Media Accreditation Rules, 2023 issued in G.O.Ms.No.38, G.A(I&PR) Department, Dated:30.03.2023, as specified in the Annexure appended to this order.

7. These Rules shall come in to force with immediate effect.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

MUKESH KUMAR MEENA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (POLITICAL)

To
The Director, I&PR, A.P., Vijayawada (w.e.)
All the District Collectors in the State.
All the Regional Joint Directors and DIPROs in the State through
the Director, I&PR, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Commissioner of Printing, Stationery and Store Purchases, A.P.,

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The Law (C) Department, A.P. Secretariat.
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ANNEXURE
ANDHRA PRADESH STATE MEDIA ACCREDITATION RULES, 2025

1. SHORT TITLE AND APPLICATION:

1. These Rules may be called the "Andhra Pradesh State Media Accreditation Rules, 2025".

2. These rules shall apply to grant of accreditation to the Media Representatives at the State Head Quarters, Publishing Centers and in the Districts of Andhra Pradesh.

2. DEFINITIONS: In these rules unless the context otherwise requires:-

1. "ACCREDITATION" means the recognition of a Media representative by the Government for the purpose of access to all sources of official information in the Government.

2. "ACCREDITATED MEDIA REPRESENTATIVE" means the Media Representative who has been granted accreditation in accordance with these rules.

3. "BIG DAILY/PERIODICAL" means Newspaper or Periodical having a circulation of above 75,000 copies per day/ per issue or as decided by the Press Registrar General of India (PRGI) from time to time.

4. "BUREAU CHIEF" means the Head of the Bureau of Newspaper or News Agency or Satellite/Cable Channel with news content.

5. "COLLECTOR" means the Collector of the District concerned.

6. "COMMISSIONER" means the Commissioner or Special Commissioner or the Director.

7. "COMMITTEE" means the State or the District Media Accreditation Committee.

8. "CERTIFIED CIRCULATION" means Audit Bureau of Circulation or the Press Registrar General of India (the successor to the erstwhile Registrar of Newspapers for India) PRGI empanelled CA certificate.

9. "DEPARTMENT" means the Information and Public Relations Department.

10. “DIPRO” means the District Information & Public Relations Officer concerned who is head of the department in the District.

11. “EDITOR” means the person who is declared as Editor of Newspaper/ Periodical as declared in Press Registrar General of India (PRGI) Certificate.

12. “ELECTRONIC MEDIA CHIEF/ EDITOR” means the Head of Satellite Channel with news content and declared Head of the News Division of the Satellite News Channel.

13. “GOVERNMENT” means the Government of Andhra Pradesh.

14. “HEAD OF CABLE NETWORK/ NEWS EDITOR NEWS DIVISION” means one who heads the news division of Cable Channel as defined in the Cable Television Network Regulations Act, 1995.

15. “MEDIUM DAILY/PERIODICAL” means The Newspaper or Periodical having circulation between 25,001 to 75,000 copies per day/per issue or as decided by the Press Registrar General of India (PRGI) from time to time.

16. “OFFICIAL MEDIA UNIT” means:

1. The News Unit of Doordarshan, All India Radio, Press Information Bureau, News Reel Unit of Films Division and Periodicals of Government of India.

2. The Publicity Cell, Media Relations Section, Photo Section, Video Unit, News Recording Unit, Periodical Unit of the Information and Public Relations Department.

3. The News Unit of the Andhra Pradesh State Film, Television and Theatre Development Corporation.

4. Persons dealing with Media Relations of the AP Digital Corporation Limited.

5. News Regulating Authority of the AP State Fibernet Limited.

17. “NEWS AGENCY” means the News Agency or Feature Agency or Photo/Video News Agency dealing with News or Photo/Video News of Public Interest.

18. “NEWS MEDIA” means the Newspaper or Periodical or Agency or Electronic Media Unit

i) “MEDIA REPRESENTATIVE” means the Press Representative, Government Media Representative, Private Satellite Channel/Cable Channel with news content representative.

(ii) “PRESS REPRESENTATIVE” means the Editor, Bureau Chief, Desk in Charge, Desk Journalist, Sub Editor Correspondent, Reporter, Photographer, Cartoonist, Sports Correspondent, Cultural and film correspondent representing
any Newspaper, periodical, News Agency, Feature Agency, News Photo /Video agency.

(iii) “GOVERNMENT MEDIA REPRESENTATIVE” means the representative of the Media Units of the Government of India, I&PR Department (Govt. of A.P), Andhra Pradesh State Film, Television and Theatre Development Corporation, A.P. Digital Corporation Limited and A.P. State Fibernet Limited.

(iv) “ELECTRONIC MEDIA REPRESENTATIVE, SATELLITE CHANNEL AND CABLE NEWS NET WORK REPRESENTATIVE” means News Editor, Asst. Editor, Input Editor, Output Editor, Copy Editor, News Coordinator, Bureau Chief, News Producer/Sub-Editor, News Reader, Content Producer, Voice Over, Desk Journalist, Correspondent /Reporter, Video Cameraman, Video Editor, Graphic Designer representing any Satellite Channel/Cable Network with News Content.

(v) "Technician (Electronic Media)" Means the person working full time in Satellite TV News Channel of A.P., for OB Van/4G/5G Live Streaming kits for news gathering and News signal transmission/ dissemination.

19. “NEWS PAPER” means a daily newspaper containing News of public interest.

20. “NOTICE” means seven days notice in advance to the members of the accreditation Committee prior to the date of meeting. In case of emergency 48 hours prior intimation to the date of meeting.

21. “PERIODICAL” means weekly or fortnightly or monthly containing news of public interest other than caste- based and religion-based.

22. “ELECTRONIC MEDIA UNIT” means the satellite news channels and cable network media units managed by Private organizations other than Government media units.

i) “SATELLITE NEWS CHANNEL” means a news and current affairs TV channel broadcast through Satellite in India and approved/permitted by the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India and having at least 50% of news content.

ii) “TELUGU NEWS CHANNEL IN AP” means the channel which is telecasting majority news of the Andhra Pradesh State.

iii) “TELUGU NEWS CHANNEL” means the channel which is telecasting majority news of the Originated State rather than the news of the Andhra Pradesh State.

iv) “CABLE NEWS CHANNEL” means a Cable Television Network registered under Cable Television networks (Regulations) Act, 1995 of the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India and having atleast 3 news bulletins of 30 minutes each every day, with own running cable.

23. “QUORUM” means a minimum of 2/3 members of the total members of the Accreditation Committee.

24. “SMALL DAILY/PERIODICAL” means the Newspaper having 2000 copies to 25,000 copies circulation per day, periodical having 1,000 copies to 75,000 copies per issue (i.e., weekly/ fortnightly/ monthly) or as defined by the Press Registrar General of India (PRGI) from time to time.

25. “STATE HEAD QUARTERS” means the area which comes under the Capital Region Development Authority (CRDA).

26. “WORKING JOURNALIST” means any journalist as defined in the Working Journalists (Conditions of Service and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1955) as amended from time to time.

27. “CORRESPONDENT” means the journalist or reporter who provides news coverage, often from a specific location or on a particular subject and works for news organisations like newspapers and television networks.

28. “DESK JOURNALIST” means who works in a newsroom and plays a critical role in producing and managing news content, ensuring that stories are polished and publication-ready.

29. “FREELANCE CORRESPONDENT” means an independent media professional who offers their skills and services to clients on a project-by-project or contract basis, rather than working as a permanent employee for a single organisation.

30. “VETERAN JOURNALIST” means a retired Journalist from a recognised Big Newspaper /Satellite News Channel, who attained 58 years of age and well versed, experienced professional and have worked in various media platforms and made significant contribution.

3. TERM AND COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE:

(a) There shall be State Media Accreditation Committee and District Media Accreditation Committee.

(b) The term of the said Committees is two years from the date of appointment. However, the Committee shall continue to function till a new Committee is constituted. The Committee shall meet once in three months or as and when necessary for issue and replacement of Accreditations.

(c) In case of resignation or death of a member, the vacancy shall be filled with an alternative member, by getting nomination from the nominating authority, as the case maybe.

1. The State Media Accreditation Committee (SMAC) shall consist the following members:

a)	The Director/Commissioner, Information and Public Relations Department	Chairman
b)	The Representative of Registered Print Journalist Unions operating in the State of Andhra Pradesh.(one representative from each union) (Regd.No. ----------)	Upto (5)members
c)	The Representative of Registered Small and Medium Daily News Papers Associations, Andhra Pradesh (Regd.No.----------)	Upto Two (2) members
d)	Two Representatives of Big and Medium Daily News papers published from the State (i) and Two Representatives from Electronic Media (ii) (to be nominated by Government (i),(ii))	(4)Four Members
e)	The Representative of the Registered Electronic Media journalists Associations, Andhra Pradesh (Regd.No.------)	(2)Two members
f)	The Representative of the Registered Photo Journalists Associations, Andhra Pradesh (Regd.No. ----------)	(1)One member
g)	The Representative of Medical & Health Dept. not below the rank of Asst. Director	(1)One member
h)	The Representative of Labour Dept., not below the rank of Asst. Commissioner of Labour	(1)One member
i)	The Representative of Housing Dept., not below the rank of Project Director	(1)One member
J)	The Chief Public Relations Officer of South Central Railway/ Concerned Railway Zone or his nominee	(1)One member
k)	The Managing Director of the APSRTC or his nominee not below the rank of General Manager	(1)One member
l)	Chief Information Engineer/Regional Information Engineer, I&PR. Department	Member
m)	Chairman, SMAC may appoint One Member as Ex-Officio member based on the need and importance	One Ex-Officio Member
n)	The Addl. Director, I&PR Dept., (if the Director/ Addl. Director post is vacant, the officer who heads the media relations Section not below the rank of Joint Director)	Member-Convener

2. The District Media Accreditation Committee (DMAC) shall consist the following members:

a)	The District Collector	Chairman
b)	The Representative of District unit of AP Registered Print Journalist Unions (one representative from each union)	Upto 5 (five) members
c)	The Representative of Registered Small and Medium Daily News Papers Associations, Andhra Pradesh (Regd.No.----------)	Upto (2) Two members
d)	One Representative from Big Daily Newspapers, Two representatives from Electronic Media (to be nominated by the District Collector)	(3)Three Members
e)	The Representative of the Registered Electronic Media journalists Associations, Andhra Pradesh (Regd.No.----------)	(2)Two members
f)	The Representative of the Registered Photo Journalists Associations, Andhra Pradesh (Regd.No. ----------)	(1)One member
g)	The Representative from Medical & Health Dept. not below the rank of DMHO	(1)One member
h)	The Representative from Labour Dept., not below the rank of Asst. Commissioner.	(1)One member
i)	The Representative from Housing Dept., not below the rank of Project Director	(1)One member
j)	The Public Relations Officer of South Central Railway/Concerned Railway Zone.	(1)One member
k)	The Regional Manager, APSRTC or his nominee not below the rank of Depot Manager	(1)One member
l)	The Chairman, DMAC may appoint one member as Ex-Officio Member based on the need and importance.	One Ex-Officio Member
m)	The Deputy Director/ Assistant Director/Designated DIPRO, I&PR Department	Member-Convener

4. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SMAC and DMAC:

i. The Journalists Unions must be registered with Labour Department under Trade Unions Act, 1926 and they should furnish Annual Returns of their Unions for the preceding 2 financial years at the time of submitting applications for inclusion of their nominee in SMAC/DMAC along with Labour Department Registration Certificate.

ii. Journalists Unions with the standing of 3 years from the date of registration of their Union with the Labour Department are only eligible to apply for inclusion in SMAC/DMAC.

iii. To get the entitlement of nomination in SMAC, the Unions shall have more than200 members registered with Labour Department and the approved list of Journalists certified by the Labour Department shall be produced. Likewise for DMAC the registered Journalists Union shall have to produce certified copy of membership of more than 50 members in each district for getting their representation.

iv. In the selection process for representation of the registered Journalists Unions in SMAC and DMAC shall be considered based on comparison of the quantum of membership among the unions.

v. The suggested nominee of a Registered Journalists Union shall represent the corresponding clan (Print/Electronic Media) of nomination in that particular media.

vi. The name of the Journalist proposed by the Unions as member of SMAC/DMAC must be a registered member of that Union.

vii. The selection and nomination of Registered Unions/Associations is the prerogative of the Commissioner/Director as per the rules in vogue.

5. SCOPE AND PERIOD OF ACCREDITATION:

a. Accreditation may be given in accordance with the rules to the media representatives at the State Headquarters and in the Districts as recommended from time to time by the Committee.

b. The Editor of daily newspapers and periodicals should apply for accord of accreditation at the place of Publication Centre only.

c. The members of the State Media Accreditation Committee/District Media Accreditation Committee shall also be given accreditation at State/District level, if the member is not accredited at State /District Headquarters.

d. Accreditation is personal and not transferable.

e. Accreditation shall not confer any official or any special status for media representatives.

f. Accreditation shall be issued to a press/ media representative to pursue the profession of journalism and not for any other purposes.

g. An accredited media representative shall not use the words "Accreditated to the Government of Andhra Pradesh" on visiting cards, letter heads or on any other form, any other literature. Any Violation of these rules which is brought to the notice of the Government (I&PR Dept.,) will be viewed seriously. His/Her Accreditation shall be cancelled without any notice and the individual will be barred from granting Accreditation for a period of two years.

h. When an accredited media representative ceases to represent the media organisation on whose behalf he/she is accredited or when the Newspaper or Periodical or News agency or Media Unit ceases to function, the fact shall be brought to the notice of the Commissioner/Collector in Writing within (fifteen) 15 days by both the representatives and the Editor/Bureau Chief/ Head of the Satellite Channel & Cable network and the accreditation card shall be returned to the Commissioner or the Dist. Collector by the Editor/Bureau Chief of the Organisation. If the representative fails to surrender the Accreditation Card within three months from the date of he/she ceases to represent the organisation, he/she shall not be extended the accreditation facility for a period of Five years, even if he/she shall represent any other organisation. If any accredited Media representative ceases to represent the media organisation and fails to surrender the card, the organisation also should be made accountable and the Media organisation should not be issued another card applied in place of the unsurrendered card, even if the organisation is eligible otherwise.

i. The period of accreditation for the Media Representatives at the State and District headquarters shall be for two years.

j. Officers authorised by the Director/Commissioner or the Collector shall be permitted to cross check the circulation and Cable Connections and other details of the Newspaper/Periodical/News Agencies / Satellite channels / Cable Network organizations periodically or at any time.

k. The Members of the Committee shall also be permitted to make surprise and random checks with the prior permission from Chairman of SMAC/DMAC to verify the circulation figures of daily newspapers and periodicals in support of documents filed by them.

l. Officers authorised by the Director/Commissioner shall be permitted to cross check randomly the circulation figures where it is exuberant or on the complaint received on a particular Newspaper/Periodical/News Agency through his Nominated Officers/Representatives.

m. The total circulation in the entire State is taken as criteria for entitlement of Accreditations to Dailies at State Level.

6. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR NEWS PAPERS:

The following factors are to be taken into consideration for issue of accreditation in respect of Newspapers.

a. Newspapers are divided into 3 categories based on the circulation i.e., Big, Medium and Small Newspapers. Categories and the minimum sizes of the Daily Newspapers for Entitlement of accreditation shall be as mentioned in the Schedule A.

b. A Daily Newspaper having a minimum Certified Circulation of 2000 copies is eligible for accreditation to its representatives.

c. A daily newspaper shall publish a minimum of 2000 copies per day and shall publish 24 issues per month to be eligible for sanction of 1+1 accreditations. Those dailies shall submit the Press Registrar General of India (PRGI), empanelled CA certificate as proof of circulation.

d. Small Newspapers shall submit the Press Registrar General of India (PRGI) empanelled CA certificate as prescribed by the I&PR Department to obtain full term accreditation (2 years) as per the eligibility, in case the CA certificate obtained is abnormal in circulation figures, cross check will be done strictly as per Rule 5 (J).

e. The contents of the newspapers shall include news emanating from the Government and its departments on social, political, economic developments and other matters of State interest and public importance. The newspaper should contain 50% news out of the total print area, such as articles, reports, editorial and current news but not fiction.

f. A Daily Newspaper shall be published not less than 6 days in a week.

g. A Daily Newspaper is entitled for one accreditation to its Editor or to the correspondent recommended by the Editor from the date of obtaining PRGI certificate initially. The additional accreditations shall be considered only after completion of six months period from the date of obtaining PRGI certificate.

h. No daily Newspaper shall be extended accreditation facility without Press Registrar General of India (PRGI) registration number.

i. The Daily Newspapers shall submit Audit Bureau of Circulation or the Press Registrar General of India (PRGI) empanelled CA certificate.

j. The entitlement of number of accreditations at State and District Headquarters for Big, Medium and Small Dailies shall be governed by the criteria mentioned in Schedule B, C & D respectively.

k. Daily Newspaper including District Editions shall supply one copy of daily from the date of commencement to the office of the Director/Commissioner, (M.R. Section) / District Information Public Relations Officer of concerned District depending upon its place of publication and obtain acknowledgment. "Regularity of Medium and Small Daily Newspapers shall be verified before and after issue of accreditations. The accreditation extended to those papers which are not regular shall be cancelled by the SMAC/DMAC. Accreditation cannot be extended to those for the subsequent year also.

7. ELIGIBILITY CRETIRIA FOR PERIODICALS:

The following factors are to be taken into consideration in respect of periodicals:

a. A periodical having a minimum Certified Circulation of 1,000 copies is eligible for issue of Accreditation to its Editor or its representative in the Districts.

b. A periodical shall publish minimum 1,000 copies per issue (weekly / fortnightly / monthly) is eligible for sanction of one accreditation.

c. Periodicals shall submit the Press Registrar General of India (PRGI) empanelled CA certificate as prescribed by the I&PR Department to obtain full term accreditation (02 years) as per the eligibility, in case the CA certificate obtained contains abnormal circulation figures from printer, then cross check will be done strictly as per Rule 5 (J).

d. A Periodical having a circulation of more than 10,000 copies is eligible for issue of accreditations at State headquarters if it is a publication centre.

e. No periodical shall be extended accreditation facility without PRGI registration.

f. Periodicals having circulation above 25,000 copies shall submit ABC or the Press Registrar General of India (PRGI) empanelled CA certificate.

g. The contents of the periodicals shall include news emanating from the Government and its Departments and 50% of articles should be on current, social, political, economic and other matters of public interest.

h. A Weekly shall publish not less than (forty-five) 45 issues, a fortnightly not less than 22 issues and a monthly not less than (eleven) 11 issues in a year.

i. The sizes of the periodicals for eligibility to accreditation are mentioned in the Schedule-A.

j. The Minimum standing of the periodical shall be six months.

k. The Big, Medium and Small Magazines are eligible for accreditation subject to fulfillment of other prescribed conditions. The number of accreditations eligible to such magazines are shown in Schedule E.

l. Regularity of periodicals shall be verified before and after issue of accreditation. If the periodical found to be default of the previous year, accreditations shall not be considered for the corresponding year also.

8. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR NEWS AGENCIES:

The following factors are to be taken into consideration for issue of accreditations in respect of news agencies or local news agencies and feature agencies, both at State and District Level.

a. The News Agency shall be registered under Shops and Establishments Act or Companies Act at the time of commencement and its standing should be more than five years at State level and three years at District level.

b. The News Agency should have a minimum staff of 5 (five) including two Correspondents /Photographers.

c. The minimum gross annual income of the agency should be Rs.5,00,000 from the Journalistic activity.

d. The Agency should have minimum six paying subscribers from among accredited newspapers and media units.

e. The agency shall have Computer with internet facility or telephone or fax, mail facilities and messenger service to supply news or photographs to its subscribers.

f. News agency shall submit the Annual Income Certificate by the Chartered Accountant along with IT returns of two (2) preceding financial years prior to date of application for fresh or renewal of accreditations.

g. The agencies shall submit the press clippings of items published in different newspapers empanelled by the I&PR Department once in 3 months. There shall be more than 2 items per day or average 60 items per month for each accreditation issued. News Agencies shall submit 3 months press clippings prior to the date of application for fresh or renewal of accreditations.

h. The nature of service of news agency shall be responsible, impartial and non- communal in nature.

i. The entitlement for News Agencies is detailed in Schedule F.

9. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR PHOTO/VIDEO NEWS AGENCIES:

a. The Photo/Video News Agency shall have a minimum standing of 5 (Five) years at the State level and 3 (three) years at the District level from the date of inception and shall be registered under the Shops and Establishments Act or Companies Act.

b. The Photo News Agency shall have a minimum gross annual income of Rs.3,00,000/- (Rupees three lakhs only) per annum from the accredited newspapers and media units. The Agency shall submit the Annual Income Certificate issued by the Chartered Accountant along with IT returns of two preceding financial years prior to date of application.

c. The Agency shall have minimum six paying subscribers from among accredited newspapers or Electronic Media units.

d. The Photo News Agency shall submit the photo clippings of Photographs published in different newspapers empanelled by the I&PR Department for a period of (3) months prior to date of application for accreditation or renewal. There shall be 2 Photographs per day or average of 50 photographs per month for each accreditation received. The entitlement under this category is detailed in Schedule G.

e. The Video News Agency shall have a minimum gross annual income of Rs.10,00,000/- (Rupees ten lakhs only) per annum. The agency shall submit annual income certificate issued by Chartered Accountant

showing the particulars of studio along with IT returns of two preceding financial years prior to date of application. The agency shall submit 3 months Video news clippings prior to date of application which telecast with courtesy logo from empanelled news channels of I&PR department. There shall be 2 video clippings per day or average of 50 Video clippings per month for each accreditation received.

f. The entitlement under this category is defined in schedule G.

10. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR SATELLITE NEWS CHANNEL/CABLE NETWORK WITH NEWS CONTENT:

The Satellite Channels must be approved/permitted by Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Govt. of India, and the Cable Channels must be registered under the Cable Television Networks Regulation Act, 1995.

a. The Electronic Media organisation having a minimum standing of one year is eligible for accord of accreditation and also they should empanel with I&PR Department and have approved rate card.

b. The nature of telecast shall be responsible, impartial non-communal and shall uphold the social and cultural fabric of the country as per the program code of Ministry of Information and Broadcasting guidelines.

c. The entitlement of accreditations as detailed in the Schedule-H.

d. "The SMAC/ DMAC may consider providing accreditation facilities to Satellite News Channels, Satellite Channels with news content and Cable Network with own running cable channels with news content where studio setup is established. The news telecast per day shall be a minimum of 3½ hours for Satellite Channels and 1 ½ hour for Cable Channels including AP Fibernet TV channels**"**

e. Cable Network Channels who are telecasting in all 26 Districts of the State are only eligible for applying for accreditation at State Level.

f. For Cable Network Channels who do not have own running cable and which are registered with A.P. Fiber net before September, 2022 and are paying the requisite fee to A.P. Fiber net regularly and running continuously are eligible for accreditation in that District.

g. The Cable TV network/ IP TVs {News and Current affairs category} running through AP Fibernet which were registered for State platforms are eligible for applying accreditations at State level and those are registered for District platforms are eligible for applying accreditations

at the concerned District level only provided they should telecast news content of minimum 1 ½ hour per day.

h. The News Content shall be telecasted through the established studio setup with Equipment, Video Cameras, Computers, Audio Monitors, Production Unit, Audio/Video Interface Devices, Headphones, Speakers, Acoustic Room, Microphone, Cables and Stands, Green Mat, Editing Suit, Recording Facility and other relevant equipments should be installed permanently.

i. Officers authorised by the Chairman, SMAC/DMAC shall verify the documents submitted by the organisation and inspect the premises physically to ensure the veracity of the infrastructure provided at any time.

j. If the Cable TV Channel/ IP TV News Channel fails to continue its registration with AP Fibernet/ MSOs in the State of Andhra Pradesh in a accreditation year and they have not returned their accreditation cards to the SMAC/ DMAC, that Cable TV Channel/ IP TV channel will be debarred from getting the accreditation for the next 5 accreditation years.

11. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR PRESS REPRESENTATIVES:

The Press Representative as defined in working Journalist Act i.e. the Editor, Bureau Chief, Desk Journalists, Correspondent, Reporter, Photographer and Cartoonist representing any newspaper or periodical or news agency shall fulfill the prescribed conditions for issue of accreditations:

a. His/ Her full time avocation shall be the profession of journalism. He/She shall be a staff correspondent or Reporter or Editor-cum-Correspondent or Editor or Staff Photographer or Staff Correspondent-cum-Photographer or Staff cartoonist in any newspaper or news agency for issue of accreditation.

b. The State Media Accreditation Committee shall issue accreditation at State Headquarters means the area which comes under the Capital Region Development Authority (CRDA) to the Media Representative who fulfill the norms prescribed in these rules.

c. His/ Her residence shall be the State Headquarters means the area which comes under the Capital Region Development Authority (CRDA), for issue of accreditation at State level.

d. The District Media Accreditation Committee shall give accreditation at the District/Constituency/Mandal level to the bonafide Media Representatives who fulfill the norms stipulated in these rules.

e. His/ Her residence shall be in the erstwhile District**. (**the publishing centre or District/Constituency or Mandal Headquarters for which accreditation is sought).

f. Accreditations to correspondents at Mandal level shall also be given on the basis of producing press clippings from the Newspaper in which he/she is working. The number of press clippings shall not be less than ten (10) per month for three months prior to his/her application.

g. He/ She shall not be an employee of any other organization including Out Sourcing/ Contract basis/ Government Department, Public Sector undertakings and Local bodies etc.

h. He/ She shall have spent not less than Seven years in the profession of journalism for accreditation at State Headquarters, Five years at District Headquarters and Three years at constituency/Mandal level. The proof of experience shall be the accreditation cards/ recommendation letter of the Management/Pay slips/ Bank Statement**.**

i. The Correspondents and Desk Journalists for the State and District level must be having qualification of a Degree from a recognized University or must possess accreditations for the last Three (3) consecutive years or furnishing an organization letter from the Management of the Media House/ Organization that he/she is an employee (proof shall be submitted).

j. The Correspondents and Desk journalists at Constituency and Mandal level must be Intermediate passed or having 2 years of accreditation cards or furnishing an organization letter from the Management of the Media House that he/she is an employee (Proof shall be submitted).

12. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR FREELANCE CORRESPONDENT/ PHOTOGRAPHER/ CARTNOONIST:

a. A Freelance Correspondent/Photographer/Cartoonist who has experience of minimum 10 years in a newspaper or news agency or photo news agency or Government Media or Electronic Media units may be considered for issue of accreditation on his/her application if his/her principal avocation continuous to be Journalism.

b. A Freelance Correspondent shall submit 12 articles published with by line in Big, Medium Dailies/Magazines in the year proceeding to the date of application.

c. Freelance Photographers/Cartoonists shall submit 12 Photo/Cartoon Clippings published in different daily newspapers/periodicals for a period of six (6) months prior to the date of application for accreditation/renewal along with a certificate to the effect of publication from the respective organization.

d. The Veteran Journalists who has a publicly acclaimed distinguished career as a journalist can be issued accreditation as Veteran at State Headquarters only to those who have completed Fifty-Eight (58) years of age and having 20 years of experience in the field of journalism (proof to be enclosed). In exceptional cases the Director/Commissioner, I&PR Department can extend accreditation to the Veteran Journalists, without insisting on any formalities.

e. Retired Officers of the I&PR Dept., closely associated with media during their tenure of service and presently pursuing the activity of Journalism can be considered for issue of accreditation on application, without insisting on any formalities.

f. A Freelance Correspondent/Videographer/Animator who has experience of minimum 10 years in Satellite/Agency or Govt. Media shall submit 12 Video Clippings Telecast in different News Channels for a period of 6 months prior to the date of application for accreditation/renewal along with a certificate to the effect of telecast from the respective organization.

g. Notwithstanding anything contained in these rules, the Government may, in exceptional and deserving cases, relax any of the conditions prescribed for accreditation, on a case to case basis, subject to due examination and recording of reasons thereof.

13. <u>ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR ELECTRONIC MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES</u>:

a) The correspondent shall have spent not less than Seven years of service in the profession of Journalism for accreditation at the State Headquarters, Five years in the District/Constituency level.

b) The Video Cameraman/ Videographer shall have a minimum of Two (2) years' service in the profession for accreditation at State/District/ Constituency level.

c) His/Her residence shall be State or District/Constituency Headquarters for issue of accreditation at State or District Headquarters/ Constituency Headquarters as the case maybe (Proof should be enclosed i.e., Aadhar/ Voter ID/ Driving License / LPG Gas connection etc.)

d) The Satellite and Cable Channels including A.P.Fibernet TV channels representatives shall submit the proof of news telecasting preferably through CDs/Pendrives of news telecast proceeding one month at the time of applying for accreditation/renewal.

e) Technician (Electronic Media) must be a full time employee of Electronic Media, Satellite TV News Channel for OB Van/4G/5G Live Streaming kits for News gathering and News signal transmission/ dissemination.

14. PROCEDURE FOR ACCREDITATION:

a. The Editor of Newspaper or Chief of the News Bureau/Head of the Govt. Media/CEO/Input Editor of Electronic Media/Freelancer/ Veteran shall apply to the Director/ Commissioner for issue of accreditation for the media representatives at State Head Quarters and to the Collector in the District in the prescribed proforma.

b. All the applications for accreditation shall be placed before the Committee and accreditation will be granted on the recommendations of the Committee.

c. If the Committee for any reasons duly recorded in its minutes, decides not to grant accreditation to an applicant, the fact of such decision shall be communicated to the organisation or freelancer concerned.

d. Accreditation will be given to one representative at a single place only either at State/District level wherever he/she is working.

e. The Director/Commissioner at State Headquarters and the Collector in the District may issue temporary accreditation to the Media representatives for a maximum period of six months at a time to avoid inconvenience to the Journalists and also for a period of 3 months to cover specific events.

15. ACCREDITATION TO GOVERNMENT MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES:

The following categories may be considered for issue of accreditations to Media units namely: -

1. GOVERNMENT OF INDIA:

a. The News Editor/Correspondent/Cameraman of News Unit of Doordarshan.

b. The News Editor/Correspondents of the News Unit of All India Radio.

c. The Representatives of the Press Information Bureau.

d. The News Reel Officer of Films Division.

e. The Representatives of the periodicals of the Government of India.

2. STATE GOVERNMENT (I&PR) DEPARTMENT:

a. The Representatives of the Press Bureau and Media Relations Section and persons associated with Media activities of I&PR Department in State/District.

b. The Photographers working in the Photo Section.

c. The Video Cameraman working in the Video Unit at State/District.

d. The Operators working in the News Recording Unit.

e. The Representatives of the State Government periodicals.

f. The Officially designated PROs appointed by the State Government working in the Minister's/ Secretary's peshies.

3. A.P. STATE FILM, TELEVISION AND THEATRE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION:

a. The Representatives of the News Unit.

b. The Video Cameraman working in the News Unit.

4. A.P. DIGITAL CORPORATION LIMITED:

a. Persons dealing with Media Relations.

5. A.P. State Fibernet Limited:

a. News Regulating Authority.

16. WITHDRAWAL OF ACCREDITATION:

The Committee/Director/Commissioner/Collector may suspend /withdraw the accreditation issued to any media representative under the following circumstances namely:

a. If an accreditated representative is engaged in non-Journalistic activities or conducts himself/herself in an unprofessional or undignified manner or uses his professional offices for unprofessional or unethical purpose and misuse of accreditation cards proved with Criminal Case.

b. If an accreditated representative is found to have given false information fully about himself/herself or about his/her organisation and if the Committee after giving reasonable opportunity is satisfied that the charges are true.

c. If the organisation ceases to function or ceases to fulfill the conditions of eligibility.

d. If the representative ceases to work in the organisation.

e. If the Editor or Bureau Chief or Head of the Media Unit or Electronic Media wants for cancellation of accreditation to their representatives.

f. If the Newspaper/Periodical/News Agency does not give accurate and authentic circulation figures, gross annual income and other data as prescribed in these rules.

g. If the accredited media representative who has been convicted guilty of criminal offence and have been sentenced for more than two years of imprisonment, his accreditation shall be withdrawn with immediate effect without assigning any reason thereof and he/she will not be accorded accreditation in the future.

17. APPEAL:

The aggrieved applicant or organisation shall be entitled to make an appeal for reconsideration to the Director/Commissioner for District level accreditation and to the Secretary, G.A(Information and Public Relations) Department for State Level Accreditation.

18. <u>REVIEW</u>:

a. There shall be a review of the list of accreditations finalised by the SMAC/DMAC at the end of two years.

b. For the purpose of such a review, information regarding circulation, gross revenue and eligibility criteria as prescribed in these rules are to be furnished by the organisations/Journalists.

c. The Director/Commissioner/Collector may communicate the decision of SMAC/DMAC to the concerned organisations/ Journalists whenever necessary.

19. Notwithstanding anything contained in these rules, Government shall be free to take any action warranted by circumstances in the matter relating to accreditations and the Director/Commissioner, I&PR Department can issue accreditations depending upon the exigencies.

<u>SCHEDULE-A</u>

PRESCRIBED SIZES OF DAILES/PERIODICALS FOR ACCREDITATION ELIGIBILITY

I. The Dailies/Periodicals shall contain 50% of news out of the total print area such as Editorials, Articles, Reports and Current news and not fiction.

II. Sizes:

a. DAILIES: 4 Demy pages or 8 pages Tabloid.

b. WEEKLIES: 32 Pages of ¼ Demy or 8 pages Demy.

c. FORTNIGHTLIES: 48 Pages of ¼ Demy or 12 pages Demy

d. MONTHLIES: 64 Pages of ¼ Demy or 16 pages Demy

e. ANNUAL: As this periodical come out once in a year, No accreditation facility provided.

SCHEDULE-B

I. ENTITLEMENT OF ACCREDITATION FOR EMPANELLED BIG DAILIES (CIRCULATION ABOVE 2.00 LAKHs COPIES IN THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Sl. No.	Description of the Newspaper Size & Circulation A Daily newspaper with multi editions with or without own news agency	State Headquarters	District Headquarters			At Mandal Level
			Group-A Districts	Group-B Districts	Group-C Districts	
			Vsp, NTR Vja), Tpt	Districts having Municipal corporation as District HQrs (Other than Group-A)	Other Districts	
01	12-16 Demy pages and above including District Pages/ Tabloid (with Sunday magazine)	29C. 30D 6 P.	12 C 12 D 2P	10 C 10 D 1 P	8 C 8 D 1 P	1C
02	08-10 Demy pages including District Pages/ Tabloid (with Sunday magazine)	16C 20D 3 P	6 C 6 D 1 P	4 C 4 D 1 P	2 C 2 D 1 P	1C
03	National & other Daily Newspapers Published inside AP (other than Telugu)	5C 5D 2P	3C 3D 1P	1C 1P	1C 1P	Nil
04	National & other Daily Newspapers Published outside AP (Upcountry Newspapers)	3C 1P	1 C 1 P	Nil	Nil	Nil

* Abbreviations: C= Correspondent D=Desk Journalist, P=Photographer Vsp= Visakhapatnam, NTR = NTR District, Vja= Vijayawada, Tpt= Tirupathi.

II. ENTITLEMENT OF ACCREDITATION FOR EMPANELLED BIG DAILIES (CIRCULATION FROM 75,001 TO 2.00 LAKHs COPIES IN THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Sl No.	Description of the Newspaper Size & Circulation A Daily news paper with multi editions with or without own news agency	State Headquarters	District Headquarters			At Mandal Level
			Group-A Districts	Group- B Districts	Group- C Districts	
			Vsp, NTR (Vja), Tpt	Districts having Municipal corporation as District HQrs (Other than Group-A)	Other Districts	
01	12-16 Demy pages and above including District Pages/ Tabloid (with Sunday magazine)	23 C 27D 6 P.	6 C 6 D 2 P	4 C 4 D 1 P	2C 2 D 1 P	1C
02	08-10 Demy pages including District Pages/ Tabloid (with Sunday magazine)	13C 16D 2 P	2 C 2 D 1 P	1 C 1 D 1 P	1 C 1 D	1 C
03	National & other Daily Newspapers Published inside AP (other than Telugu)	4C 4D 2P	2C 2D 1P	1C 1P	1C 1P	Nil
04	National & other Daily Newspapers Published outside AP (Upcountry Newspapers)	2C 1P	1 C 1 P	Nil	Nil	Nil

* Abbreviations: C= Correspondent D=Desk Journalist, P=Photographer

SCHEDULE-C

ENTITLEMENT OF ACCREDITATION FOR MEDIUM DAILIES (CIRCULATION FROM 25,001 TO 75,000 COPIES IN THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Sl No.	Category A daily news paper published at State Headquarter with own news agency	State Headquarters	District Headquarters			
			Group-A Districts	Group- B Districts	Group-C Districts	At Assembly Constituency level where more than 100 copies sold
			Vsp, NTR (Vja), Tpt	Districts having Municipal corporation as District H Qrs (Other than Group-A)	Other Districts	
01	12-14 Demy pages and above including District Pages/ Tab loid (with Sunday magazine)	10 C 12 D 2 P	2 C 2 D (If Publication Centre) 1 P	2 C 2 D (If Publication Centre)	2 C 2 D (If Publication Centre)	1 C
02	08 -10 Demy pages and above including District Pages/ Tab loid (with Sunday magazine)	7 C 8 D 2 P	2 C 1 D (If Publication Centre) 1 P	2 C 1 D (If Publication Centre) 1 P	2 C 1 D (If Publication Centre)	1 C
03	08 Demy pages	5 C 6 D 1 P	1 C 1 D (If Publication Centre)	1 C 1 D (If Publication Centre)	1 C 1 D (If Publication Centre)	Nil
04	National & other Daily Newspapers Published inside AP (other than Telugu)	2C 2D 1P	2C 2D (If Publication Centre) 1P	1C 1P	1C 1P	Nil
05	National & other Daily Newspapers Published outside AP (Upcountry Newspapers)	1 C 1 P	1 C	Nil	Nil	Nil

* Abbreviations: C= Correspondent D=Desk Journalist, P=Photographer

SCHEDULE-D
ENTITLEMENT OF ACCREDITATION FOR SMALL DAILIES (CIRCULATION FROM 2,000 TO 25,000 COPIES IN THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Sl No.	Category	Pages	Circulation	State Head Quarters	District Headquarters Publication centre in Erstwhile Districts			
					Group-A Districts	Group- B Districts	Group-C Districts	At Assembly Constituency level where more than 100 copies sold
					Vsp, NTR (Vja), Tpt	Districts having Municipal corporation as District HQrs (Other than Grup-A)	Other Districts	
01	Empanelled News papers	04-08 Demy pages and above	10,001 to 25,000	2 C 1 D	4 C 4 D	3 C 3 D	2 C 2 D	1 C
			5,001 to 10,000	1C 1D	2C 2D	2C 1D	1C 1D	Nil
02	Non-Empanelled News papers	04-08 Demy pages and above	10,001 to 25,000	Nil	2C 2D	2C 2 D	1C 1D	Nil
			5,001 to 10,000	Nil	2 C 2 D	2 C 2 D	1 C 1 D	Nil
			2000 to 5000	Nil	1 C 1 D	1 C 1 D	1 C 1 D	Nil
03	National & other Daily Newspapers Published inside AP (other than Telugu)			2 C 2D 1P	2C 2D 1P	1C 1P	1C 1P	Nil
04	National & other Daily Newspapers Published outside AP (Upcountry Newspapers)			1C	1C	Nil	Nil	Nil

Abbreviations: C= Correspondent D=Desk Journalist, P=Photographer

SCHEDULE-E
ENTITLEMENT OF ACCREDITATION FOR PERIODICALS

S. No.	Category	Weekly/ Fortnightly/ Monthly	Group-A Districts	Group- B Districts	Group- C Distr icts
		At State Headquarters. (If Publication Centre)	Vsp, NTR (Vja), Tpt	Districts having Municipal corporation as District HQrs (Other than Group-A)	Other Districts
01	Circulation above 75 000 per issue	1 Editor 1 Corresponde nt 1 Photographer 1 Cartoonist	1 Editor 1 Correspond ent 1 Photograph er 1 Cartoonist	1 Editor 1 Correspondent 1 Photographer 1 Cartoonist	1 Editor 1 Correspond ent 1 Photographe r 1 Cartoonist
02	Circulation between 25001 to 75000	1 Editor 1 Corresponde nt 1 Cartoonist/ Photographer	1 Editor 1 Correspond ent 1 Cartoonist/ Photograph er	1 Editor 1 Correspondent 1 Cartoonist/ Photographer	1 Editor 1 Correspond ent 1 Cartoonist/ Photograph er
03	Circulation between 10001-25000.	1 Editor 1 Corresponde nt	1 Editor 1 Correspond ent	1 Editor 1 Correspondent	1 Editor 1 Correspond ent
04	Circulation between 1000-10000 copies p er issue	Nil	1 Editor	1 Editor	1 Editor

SCHEDULE –F

ENTITLEMENT OF ACCREDITATION FOR NEWS AGENCIES AT STATE LEVEL AND AT DISTRICT LEVEL

S.No.	Category At State Level	Entitlement of Cards	Category At District Level with By-line/Date Line.	Entitlement of Cards.
01	Whose annual income is more than Rs.20 lakhs and upto Rs.30 lakhs	07 C+01 P	Whose annual income is Rs.10 lakhs and above with 400 News items per month	4 C
02	Whose annual income is more than Rs.30.00 lakhs upto Rs.50 lakhs.	09 C+02 P.	Whose annual income is Rs.8 lakhs and above with 300 News items per month	3 C
03	Whose annual income is more than Rs.50 lakhs to Rs.One Crore	11 C+02 P	Whose annual income is Rs.5 lakhs and above with 180 News items per month	2C

* Abbreviations: C= Correspondent D=Desk Journalist, P=Photographer

SCHEDULE –G

ENTITLEMENT OF ACCREDITATION FOR PHOTO/ VIDEO NEWS AGENCIES AT STATE LEVEL AND AT DISTRICT LEVEL

I. FOR PHOTO NEWS AGENCY:

S.No.	Category At State Level	Entitlement of Cards	Category At District. Level with By-line/Date Line.	Entitlement of Cards.
01	Whose annual income is from Rs.3 lakhs to Rs.5 lakhs	04 photographers	Whose annual income is from Rs.3. lakhs to Rs.4 lakhs	2 photographers
02	Whose annual income is more than Rs.5 lakhs	05 photographers	Whose annual income is more than Rs.4 lakhs	3photographers

II. FOR VIDEO NEWS AGENCY:

S.No.	Category At State Level	Entitlement of Cards	Category At District. Level with By-line/Date Line.	Entitlement of Cards.
01	Whose annual income is from Rs.12. lakhs to Rs.15 lakhs	04 Videographers	Whose annual income upto Rs.10 lakhs	3 videographers
02	Whose annual income is more than Rs.15 lakhs.	05 Videographers	Whose annual income is more than Rs.10 lakhs	4 videographers

SCHEDULE – H

I. ENTITLEMENT OF ACCREDITATION FOR EMPANELLED SATELLITE NEWS CHANNELS

S.No.	Category	At State Level	Group-A cities	Group- B Cities	Group- C Cities	At Assembly Constituency Level
			Vsp, NTR (Vja), Tpt	All Municipal Corporations other than Group-A Cities	Other Districts	
01	Satellite 24 Hrs Telugu News Channel IN AP	14 C 35 D 14 V 2 T	2 C 2V	1 C 1 V	1 C 1V	1 C cum V
02	Satellite Telugu Channel IN AP with News Content for 3 ½ hrs	6 C 10 D 6 V 2 T	1 C 1 V	1 C 1 V	1 C 1 V	Nil
03	Satellite Telugu News Channel (24 Hrs)	3 C 3 D 3 V 2 T	1 C 1 V	1 C 1 V	1 C 1 V	Nil
04	Satellite Telugu Channel with News Content for 3 ½ hrs	1 C 1 D 1 V 1 T	1 C 1 V	1 C 1 V	1 C 1 V	Nil
05	National Channels (English & Hindi)	3 C 3 V 1 T	1 C 1V	Nil	Nil	Nil

II. ENTITLEMENT OF ACCREDITATION FOR CABLE NEWS CHANNELS WITH / WITHOUT OWN RUNNING CABLE AT THE PLACE OF OPERATION.

S.No.	Category	SHQ	District HQ Level/ Municipal corporation	Municipalities
		General	General	
01	Telugu Cable TV Channels with OWN running Cable with news content not less than 1 ½ Hour per day.	6C 5D 6V	3C 2 D 3V (where studio setup exists)	1 C 1 D 1V (where studio setup exists)
02	Telugu Cable Network News Channels without OWN running Cable (which are registered with A.P. Fiber Net before September, 2022 and running continuously till now) and cable channels Including AP Fibernet TV channels (News and Current affairs category)	2 C 2 V	1 C 1 V	1 C 1 V

*Abbreviations: C=Correspondent D=Desk Journalist, V=Videographer, T=Technician

SCHEDULE-I

The following documents are to be submitted by the journalists /organisations/news agencies along with individual application in the prescribed form through Online and also submit the physical copies of the same to the Director /Concerned DIPRO

By Applicant:

1. Recommendation letter from the organisation concerned.
2. Educational qualification certificate of the Journalist.
3. Latest ID card issued by the organisation.
4. Experience certificate of the Journalist issued by the organisation.
5. Proof of News telecasting Preferably One month CD/Pendrives telecast in the Telugu Cable Network News Channels preceding the date of application including AP Fibernet News Channels
6. Press clippings in respect of Mandal correspondents, news agencies and Freelancers as mentioned in the G.O.
7. Age and experience proof for freelance and veteran Journalists.
8. Self declaration by the Journalist about criminal cases.
9. (3) Pass port size photographs of the applicant.
10. Photo copy of Aadhar Card.

By Organisation:

1. PRGI Registration Certificate for dailies/periodicals.
2. ABC/ Press Registrar General of India (the successor to the erstwhile Registrar of Newspapers for India) empanelled CA certificate for dailies/periodicals.
3. Photo copy of PAN card and proceeding 2 years IT returns of the Organisation (for News Agencies).
4. Latest copy of Annual returns submitted to PRGI (for dailies and periodicals)
5. Publisher's certificate of printed and sold copies (for dailies and periodicals).
6. Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (Govt. of India) License (for satellite Channels) and copy of empanelment/approved rate card of I&PR Department.
7. Latest copy of annual returns submitted to I&B Ministry (for satellite Channels).
8. Certificate of Registration under Cable Television Network Regulation Act 1995(for Cable channels)/Authorisation letter from A.P Fibernet.
9. Registration Certificate under Shops and Establishments Act/ Companies Act (for News Agencies).

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